GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education – Designation of the Board of Secondary Education as the State School Standards Authority (SSSA), for implementation of the School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) and Constitution of High-Level Committee to advise and assist the Board of Secondary Education, in the discharge of its functions as the State School Standards Authority (SSSA) - Orders –Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (EXAMS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 40 **Dated: 12-12-2025**

Read the following:

1. National Education Policy-2020.
2. From the Director of School Education, A.P., Lr. Rc.No. GE - COOR0NINT/5/2024-DGE, Dated: 09-12-2025.

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ORDER:-

The Director of School Education, in his letter 2nd read above, has stated that, the Head, PARAKH, NCERT i.e., the National Assessment Centre (Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) has requested update on the status of setting up the State School Standards Authority (SSSA) in each State, as mandated in paragraph 8.5 (c) of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

2. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends that an effective quality self-regulation or accreditation system be instituted for all stages of school education, to ensure compliance with essential quality standards and to guarantee that all schools follow certain minimum professional and quality norms. To this end, the NEP-2020 has recommended the States and Union Territories to set up an independent, State-wide body called the State School Standards Authority (SSSA) to oversee and regulate standards in school education.

3. The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH), NCERT, New Delhi, in its Equivalence of Boards report has reiterated the vision of NEP-2020 and has recommended the State Boards to act as State School Standards Authority (SSSA) in the respective States. It was further recommended that the primary role of the SSSA is to serve as an independent regulatory authority to guide and monitor the implementation of the School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) in the State.

4. The GoI has emphasized that the SSSAs are envisaged as an independent regulatory authority to ensure that all schools, whether private or public, comply with basic quality, safety and professional standards. The SSSA's role would centre on transparent public disclosure and outcome - based monitoring, shifting the emphasis from mere infrastructure inputs to actual learning outcomes, and ensuring that every school provides a safe, inclusive and conducive learning environment. It was requested to expedite the constitution of a School Standards Authority in the state and formulate and adopt an SQAAF suited to the state's requirements and priorities.

5. Accordingly, the Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh and the Chairman, Board of Secondary Education, A.P., has submitted proposal for designating the Board of Secondary Education, A.P., as the State School Standards Authority (SSSA) in the State, citing the recommendations of NEP-2020, Equivalence of Boards report of PARAKH, NCERT and the institutional capacity of the Board to discharge the responsibilities as the SSSA.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby designates the Board of Secondary Education, A.P., as the State School Standards Authority (SSSA) for implementation of School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) in the State of Andhra Pradesh, to ensure the setting of minimum professional and quality standards for all secondary schools, foster transparency, accountability, and quality assurance in the school education system across the State.

7. Further, Government hereby constitute High – Level Committee with the following members to advise and assist the Board of Secondary Education, in discharge of its functions as the State School Standards Authority (SSSA):

Spl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government, School Education Department	Chairman
Commissioner/Director of School Education, A.P. & the Chairman, Board of Secondary Education, A.P	Vice-Chairman
Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, A.P.	Member
State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, A.P.	Member
Director of Government Examinations, A.P. & the Secretary, Board of Secondary Education, A.P	Member-Secretary
Director, State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT), A.P.	Member

(i) The Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh, while acting as the State School Standards Authority (SSSA), shall be responsible for the development, notification, and implementation of the Andhra Pradesh School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (AP-SQAAF) in coordination with PARAKH, NCERT, and shall carry out all functions incidental or ancillary thereto, including monitoring, evaluation, capacity building, and periodic review of school quality standards in the State.

(ii) The Chairman and the Secretary, Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action for the issuance of subsidiary rules, regulations, and guidelines; the development and notification of the Andhra Pradesh School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (AP-SQAAF); and such other measures as may be required for the effective functioning of the SSSA, as per the recommendation of NEP 2020 and the PARAKH, NCERT, with the approval of the Board.

(iii) The Directorate of Government Examinations, Andhra Pradesh, being the executive body of the Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh, shall act as the permanent Secretariat and implementing office of the SSSA, and shall be responsible for carrying out all administrative, operational, regulatory, and related ancillary functions of the SSSA in accordance with the norms, guidelines, and regulations approved by the Board of Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh.

8. The Director of School Education & the Chairman, Board of Secondary Education, shall take further necessary action accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KONA SASIDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of School Education, A.P., Mangalagiri.
All the members through the Director of Government Examinations, A.P., & the Secretary, Board of Secondary Education, A.P
Copy to:
The Director, SCERT, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, A.P.
The Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, A.P., Tadepalli.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Minister (HRD).
The PS to Secretary to Government (S.E).

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SECTION OFFICER